IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WACO DIVISION

WSOU INVESTMENTS LLC D/B/A	§	
BRAZOS LICENSING AND	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00487-ADA
DEVELOPMENT,	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00488-ADA
	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00489-ADA
Plaintiff,	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00490-ADA
	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00491-ADA
V.	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00492-ADA
	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00493-ADA
ZTE CORPORATION	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00494-ADA
	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00495-ADA
Defendant.	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00496-ADA
	§	C.A. NO. 6:20-cv-00497-ADA

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

Plaintiff WSOU Investments LLC d/b/a Brazos Licensing and Development ("WSOU") submits this Response to the Notice of Supplemental Authority (Dkt. No. 128)¹ (the "Notice") filed by Defendant ZTE Corporation ("ZTE"), in which ZTE claims that the Federal Circuit's slip opinion issued on October 26, 2021—*In re Netflix, Inc.*, Case 21-190, 2021 WL 4944826 (Fed. Cir. Oct. 26, 2021) (appeal of Eastern District of Texas No. 2:21-cv-00080-JRG-RSP) ("Netflix")—affects (A) ZTE's September 16, 2021, Supplemental Briefing on Transfer Under § 1404(a) (Dkt. No. 118), and (B) ZTE's December 30, 2020, Motion to Stay, Other than Venue Proceedings (Dkt. No. 49). ZTE's Notice may be disregarded because Netflix has no bearing on this case, and, regardless, ZTE has no live request before this Court for a stay pending resolution of venue proceedings in this matter.

First, ZTE's December 30, 2020, Motion to Stay was based on ZTE's Motion to Dismiss

¹ Citations herein refer to WDTX Case Nos. -00487 through -00497, and specific citations reference to the docket for WDTX Case No. -00487.

or in the Alternative Transfer Venue (Dkt. No. 47), which the Court denied as to ZTE on August 6, 2021 (Dkt. No. 105) and again upon reconsideration on September 3, 2021 (Dkt. No. 116). ZTE's December 30, 2020, Motion to Stay based on its denied venue motion is therefore moot.

Further, ZTE has never requested a stay pending resolution of its Supplemental Briefing on Transfer Under § 1404(a). ZTE's Supplemental Briefing on Transfer instead seeks, in the alternative, a stay pending resolution of parallel litigation in the NDTX. *See* Dkt. No. 118 at 5 ("Alternatively, the Court should stay these matters pending the resolution of the parallel litigation in the NDTX."). *Netflix* does not address a stay pending parallel litigation and, therefore, is irrelevant to the relief sought by ZTE's Supplemental Briefing on Transfer Under § 1404(a).

Even if ZTE had properly raised the issue of a stay pending resolution of its Supplemental Briefing on Transfer, *Netflix* is inapplicable here and ZTE misconstrues the authority's effect on this case. The Federal Circuit in *Netflix* denied Netflix's request for mandamus relief seeking to stay all proceedings pending resolution of its motion to dismiss or transfer because Netflix failed to show any delay by the district court in addressing its venue motion. *See* Dkt. No. 128-1, *2. Similarly, in the instant case, the Court timely addressed ZTE's original venue motion by denying the same, both on its first hearing (Dkt. No. 105) and again upon reconsideration (Dkt. No. 116). Furthermore, there is nothing to suggest the Court will not dispose of ZTE's Supplemental Briefing on Transfer with similar promptness. Moreover, ZTE's specific citations to the *Netflix* opinion in its Notice do not constitute "new authority" as the language quoted therein comes from prior Federal Circuit and 5th Circuit opinions that predate ZTE's Supplemental Briefing on Transfer. If ZTE is concerned about the pending motion to transfer, the proper course is to jointly request a hearing on its Supplemental Briefing on Transfer rather than request a stay with the obvious implication being to support ZTE's PTAB proceedings against WSOU.

Dated: November 2, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was served or delivered electronically via the U.S. District Court [LIVE]-Document Filing System to all counsel of record November 2, 2021.

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